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For: **"ELECTRONIC GAMING SYSTEM WITH IMPROVED PLAY CAPACITY,  
AUTHENTICATION AND SECURITY"**

Box Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-35, 40-58.

63. (New) An electronic gaming system for providing authentication of a data set associated with a casino type game, said system comprising:

(a) a first storage means for storing a game data set and a game signature comprising an encrypted version of a unique primary abbreviated game bit string computed from said game data set;

(b) a second storage means for storing,

an anchor application including a first authentication program capable of determining the validity of said game data set by,

computing a complementary abbreviated game bit string from said game data set,

decrypting said game signature set to recover said primary abbreviated game bit string,